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Dear Business/Property Owner:

The Northampton Department of Public Works (DPW) is writing this letter to notify you of the **"Official Closure of River Road to Thru Traffic"** that is scheduled for Tuesday, October 11, 2011 after the Columbus Day weekend. At the time of closure, a road detour will be instituted around the project site with appropriate signage that will encourage travelers to use Route 9 instead of River Road.

This project is being managed and executed by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (Mass DOT Project File #603729) and is listed as the, "Reconstruction of River Road Bridge (N-19-029) over Mill River Project". The Contractor for this project will be MAS Building & Bridge, Inc. from Franklin, MA. The scope of the project includes replacing the existing two span concrete arch bridge with a single span pre-stressed concrete beam bridge on the same general alignment.

This closure is expected to last for approximately 13 months until November 5, 2012 (project deadline) or possibly earlier if the work is completed ahead of schedule. Remember to check the DPW blog (<http://ntondpw.blogspot.com/>) periodically for important milestone dates as the project progresses.

DPW appreciates the sacrifices that stakeholders will need to endure throughout this project, and would like to thank you for your patience as this important project moves forward. If you have any questions about this project, please call myself at (413) 587-1570, ex. 4301 or Laura Hanson at ex. 4312.

Sincerely,

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